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SUBJ: WEEKLY SAUDI EDITORIAL REVIEW (MAY 22-28)

1. SUMMARY. ALL MEDIA GIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE FAHD/CARTER TALKS. REPORTS FILED BY SAUDI PRESS REPS. U.S., COMBINED WITH COMMERCIAL WIRE SERVICE AND PLACEMENT AGENCY-PROVIDED OFFICIAL TEXTS, RESULT BLANKET COVERAGE ALL DAILIES, WEEKLIES. EDITORIALS HIGHLIGHT: IMPORTANCE KINGDOM SUPPORT IN PEACE EFFORT, FAHD/YAMANI STATEMENTS OIL EMBARGO NOT PLANNED, CARTER'S CALL FOR COMPENSATION DISPLACED PALESTINIANS, CARTER PRAISE SAUDI MODERATION AND ASSISTANCE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND US INTEREST MEETING LEGITIMATE SAUDI DEFENSE NEEDS. SEVERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENTATORS WARN OF DISASTROUS WAR AHEAD IF PEACE NOT ACHIEVED SOON. CARTER WARNINGS TO BEGIN ON NEED FOR MODERATION FA-
VORABLY NOTED.

OVERALL IMPRESSION EDITORIAL COVERAGE IS BELATED RECOGNITION BY WRITERS OF EXTENT US/SAUDI ECONOMIC TIES AND MUTUAL INTERESTS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN DETAILED TO SUCH DEGREE IN PAST. NOMINATION JOHN WEST AND DEPARTURE AMBASSADOR PORTER BRIEF-

LY COVERED ALL PAPERS. END SUMMARY.

2. SAMPLE OF POINTS NOTED ABOVE:

-5/27 OKAAZ DAILY: FAHD SENT "AS REPRESENTATIVE ALL ARABS TO MEET WITH CARTER"; ABD AL-BARI ATWAN 5/28 AL-MADINA: CARTER'S TALK ABOUT KINGDOM VALUE TO US NO COINCIDENCE, INDICATES "HUGE US INTERESTS IN ARAB MIDDLE EAST"; 5/28 ARAB NEWS: US AND KINGDOM CAN DO GREAT DEAL MORE TOGETHER THAN SEPARATELY.
-5/28 ARAB NEWS: COMPENSATION FOR DISPLACED PALESTINIANS PROVES CARTER SERIOUS IN INCLUDING HOMELAND IN SETTLEMENT BUT (SAME PAPER, 5/26) HE MUST MOVE QUICKLY AS ARABS CANNOT WAIT TWO OR MORE YEARS FOR SOLUTION.
-5/22 AR-RYADH AND 5/28 AL-JAZIIRA: IF US EFFORTS FAIL, ARABS SHOULD PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR MILITARY SOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE FATAL CONSEQUENCES; 5/25 ARAB NEWS: PROSPECT OF WAR HORRIFYING BUT TIME RUNNING SHORT.
AATWAN IN 5/24 AL-MADINA: "US HAS RE-EVALUATED HER MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND SHE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY PARTY THAT TRIES TO DESTROY MOVEMENT TOWARD SETTLEMENT. THIS IS EXPLANATION OF CARTER'S WARNING TO BEGIN."
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